residential colonies to improve their self-defence capabilities.

5. In a bid to reach out to the community to tackle the problem of crime against women, Honorary Special Police Officers have been appointed.

6. To educate the community about the problems being faced by women, the Crime Against Women Cell has started legal awareness drive in women Colleges/Schools.

7. Delhi Police has set up a 'Helpline' in the Police Control Room for the benefit of women in distress. A separate telephone number has been installed for this purpose. In addition such complaints can also be made on telephone No. 100. All the women police operators in the Police Control Room have been trained to handle calls such as those relating to matrimonial disputes (husband and wife dispute), molestation and eve-teasing, rapes and child abuse etc.

8. Public help is enlisted by frequent interaction so as to strength the hands of the police against those who indulge in crimes against women.

Atrocities Against SCs/STs

2383. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governrment have conducted any survey on atrocities committed against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes men/women in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details thereof;

(c) the action taken against each person who committed the atrocities; and

(d) the number and details of cases filed in Courts?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) No survey relating to atrocities Committed against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes men/ women has been conduted by the Ministry of Home Affairs or Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment during the last three years.

'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and, as such, the registration, investigation and detection of crime as well as its prevention are essentially the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government has, however, been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of Criminal Justice System so as to ensure prevention of atrocities against the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable sections of the society.

Available information in regard to number of persons arrested and convicted and number of cases filed in courts in connection with committing crimes against the SCs/STs under the PCR Act, 1955 and the SCs/STs (POA) Act, 1989 during the years 1995, 1996 and 1997 is given below:

Year	The Protection of Civil Rights Act			The Scheduled Castes and The Scheduled Tribes (POA) Act		
	No. of Persons		No. of cases filed in court	No. of Persons		No. of cases filed in court
	Arrest-ted	Convi-cted		Arrest-ted	Convi-cted	
1995	7747	2579	12773	33716	3393	32777
1996	3404	1443	11296	32152	5514	39869
1997	3052	1089	1303	26608	5721	11152